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Lucania, Herakleia, 281-278 BC, AR Nomos

B040849 / B00072 6.36 Gm 18.73 mm

Obv: Helmeted head of Athena r; helmet decorated with Skylla hurling a stone. Rev: Herakles standing facing, holding club and bow, lion's skin draped over arm; owl standing right. Almost extremely fine.

Herakleia was a Greek colony in Lucania (now southern Italy) founded at a period considerably later than most of the other Greek cities in this part of Italy. Settlers from Tarentum and the few remaining inhabitants of Siris were added to the new colonists, and it would appear that the settlement was first established near the river Aciris, to which the name of Heraclea was given. The foundation of the new city is placed by Diodorus in 432 BCE, fourteen years after the settlement of Thurii. Built upon a fertile plain, the city prospered for several hundred years, initially resisting the power of Rome, but later being absorbed into the Roman Empire.

